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# Seasonal and spatial variation of methane content in small reservoirs during the summer period

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# Tasks and objects of study

CH<sub>4</sub>

- Climate forcing
- Ecological conditions
- Individual regime of water objects – mathematical models - verification



## Study of a question in Russia

Methane study in Russia (A.N.Dzuban, U.A. Fedorov et al...):

- natural lakes of different genesis, morphometry, mixing types, trophical status in:

Baltic States, Karelia, Moscow region, Volga upper stream, North Dvina basin, mouth Amur floodplain,

- Reservoir cascade Volga-Kama (!!!pollution),
- Tsimlyansk reservoir on Don river).

**! No measurements and estimations of concentration and emission of methane in reservoirs of Russia with slow water exchange with long stratification period and anoxic conditions (without pollution)**

## **Study of a question in Russia**

### **Expedition measurements:**

- usually in summer in periods of different stratification conditions and primary production intensity
- some lakes and reservoirs were studied several years during summer period, some were studied in season time scale
- only Plezhevo lake and Rybinsk reservoir were studied during a whole year cycle

Many results were received during short expeditions.

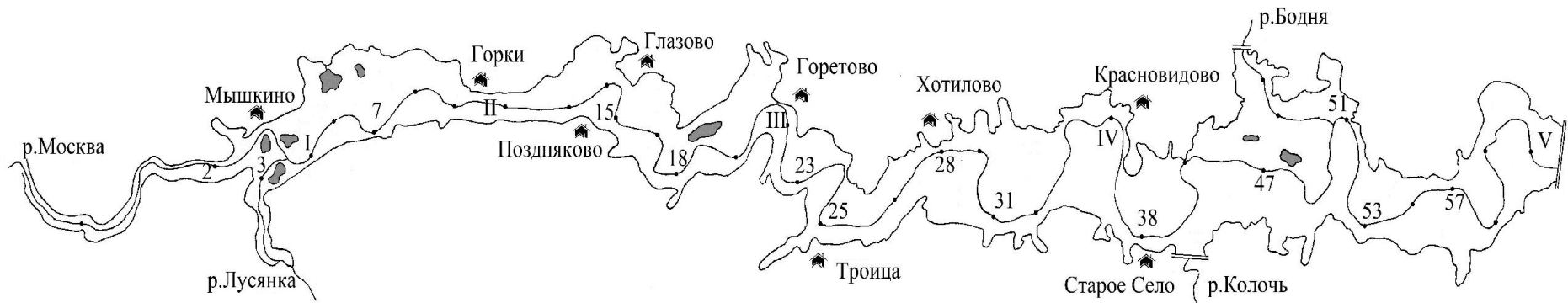
We have few seasonal measurements on Russian water objects which can be used for verification of mathematical models

# Characteristic of an object

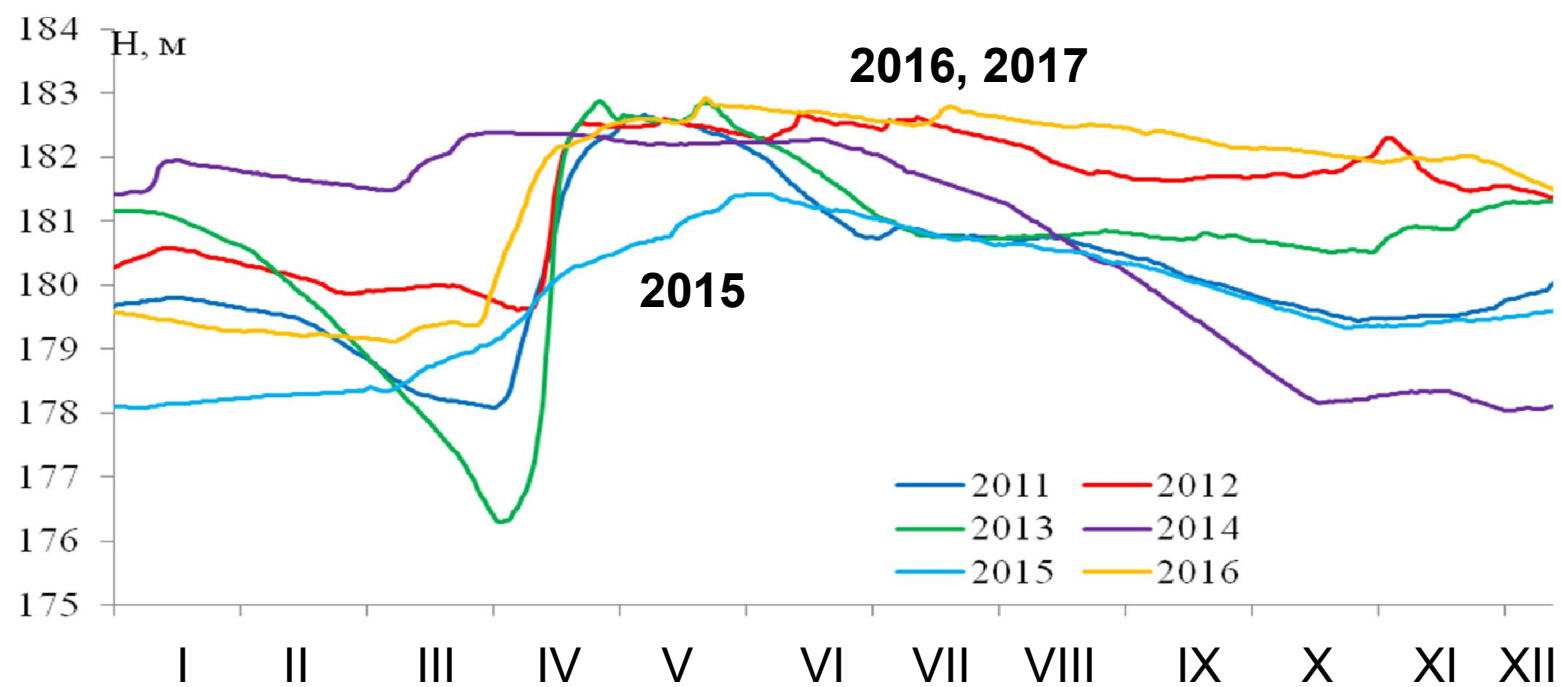
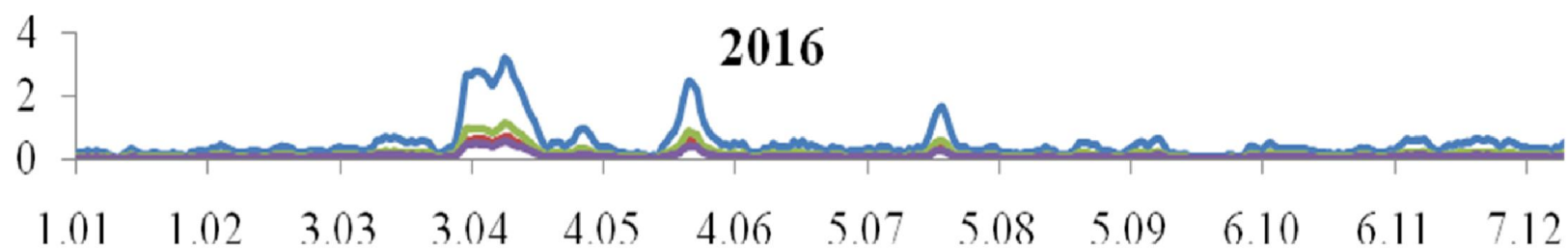
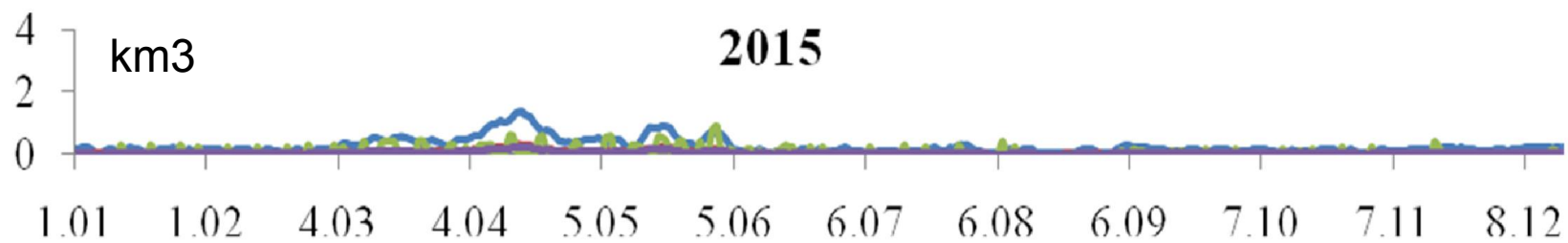
## Mojaisk reservoir

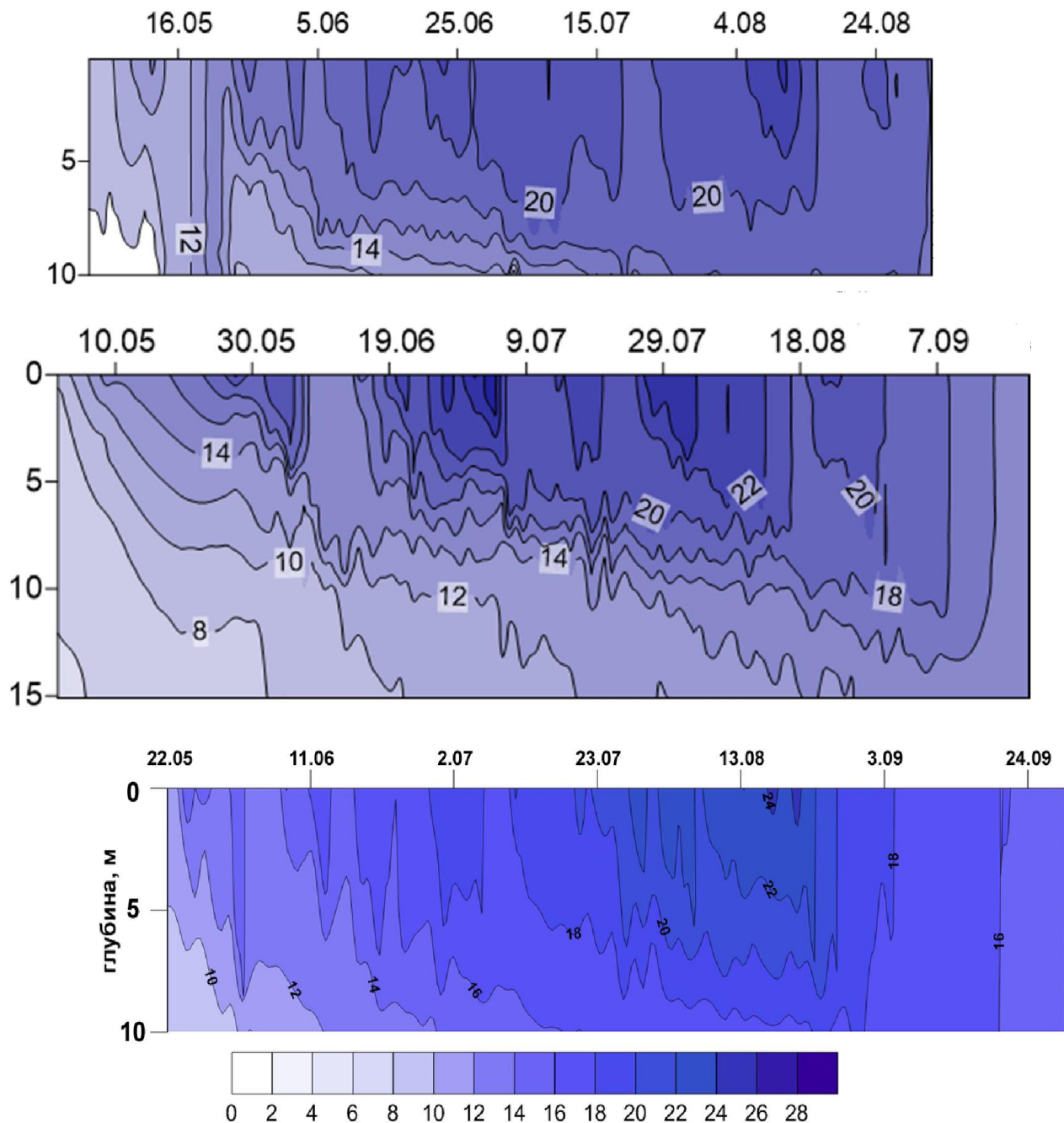
Water exchange:  $W_{\text{inflow}}/W_{\text{reservoir}} < 2 \text{ year}^{-1}$

Relatively deep ( $H_{\text{max}} = 23 \text{ m}$ )



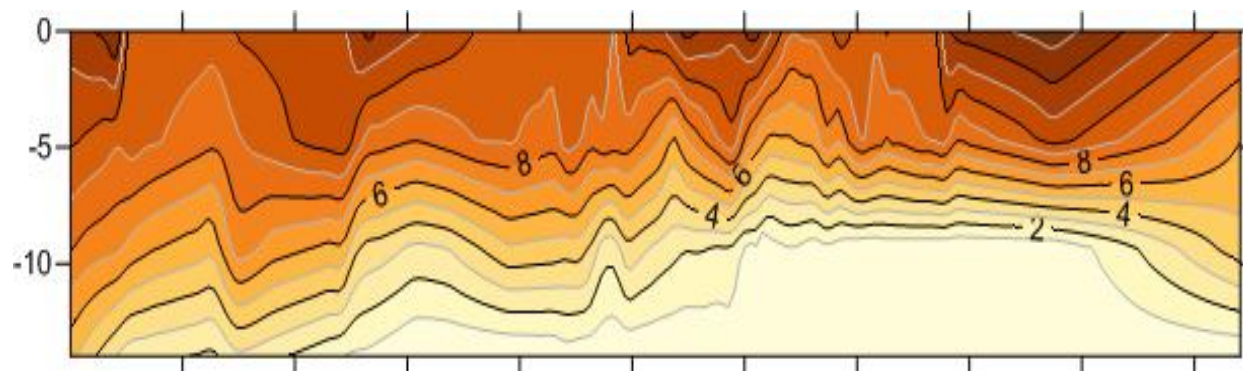
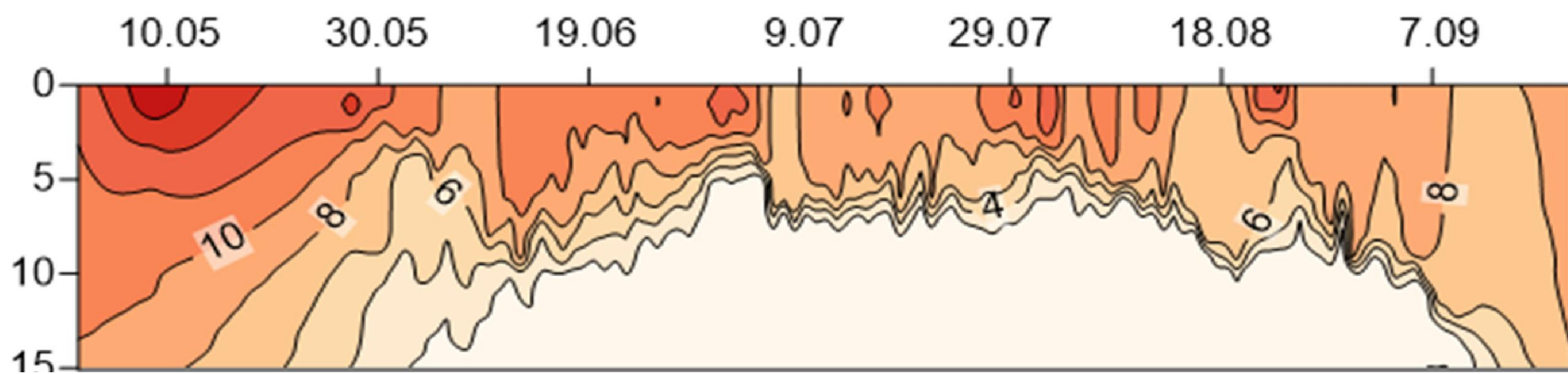
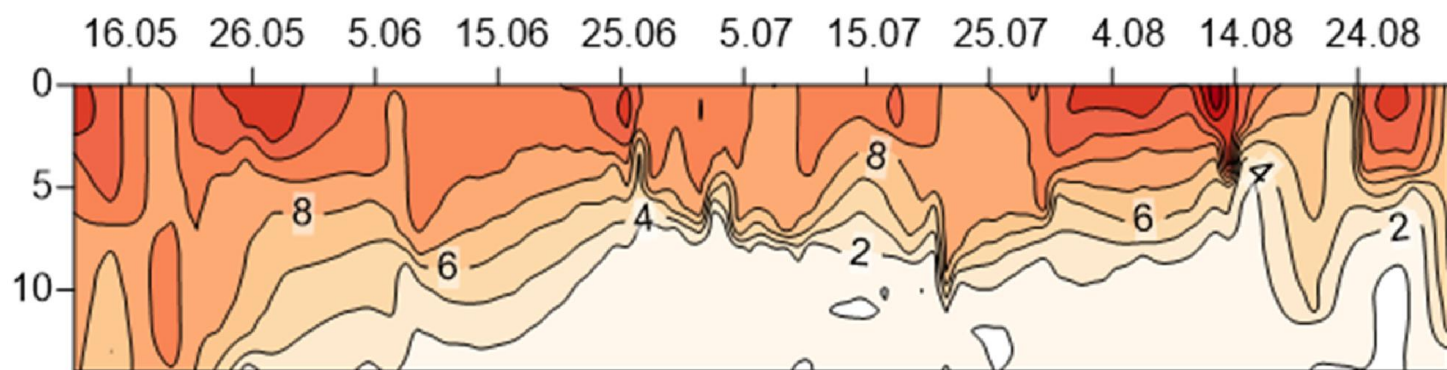
Sampling was fulfilled on stations above flooded river bed (deepest places) and submerged floodplane nearby. These stations have different bottom sediments with different rate of oxygen consumption.





## Krasnovidovo station

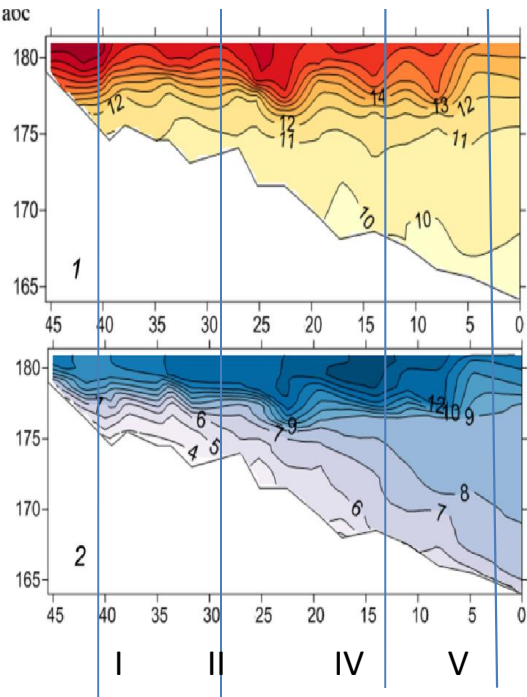




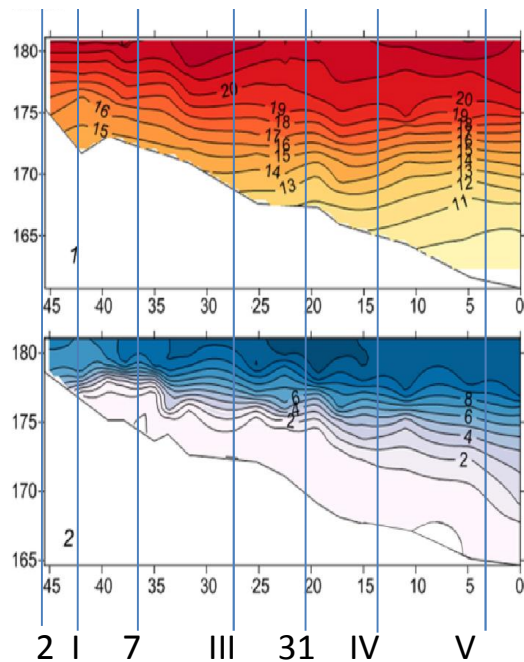
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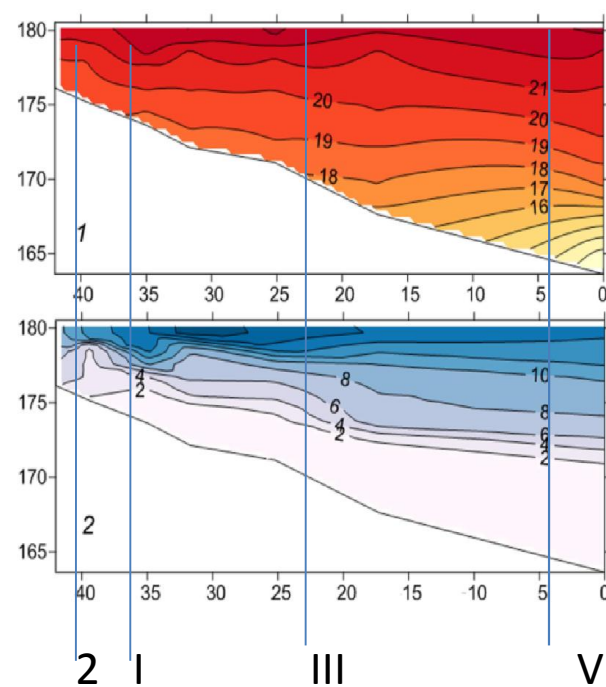
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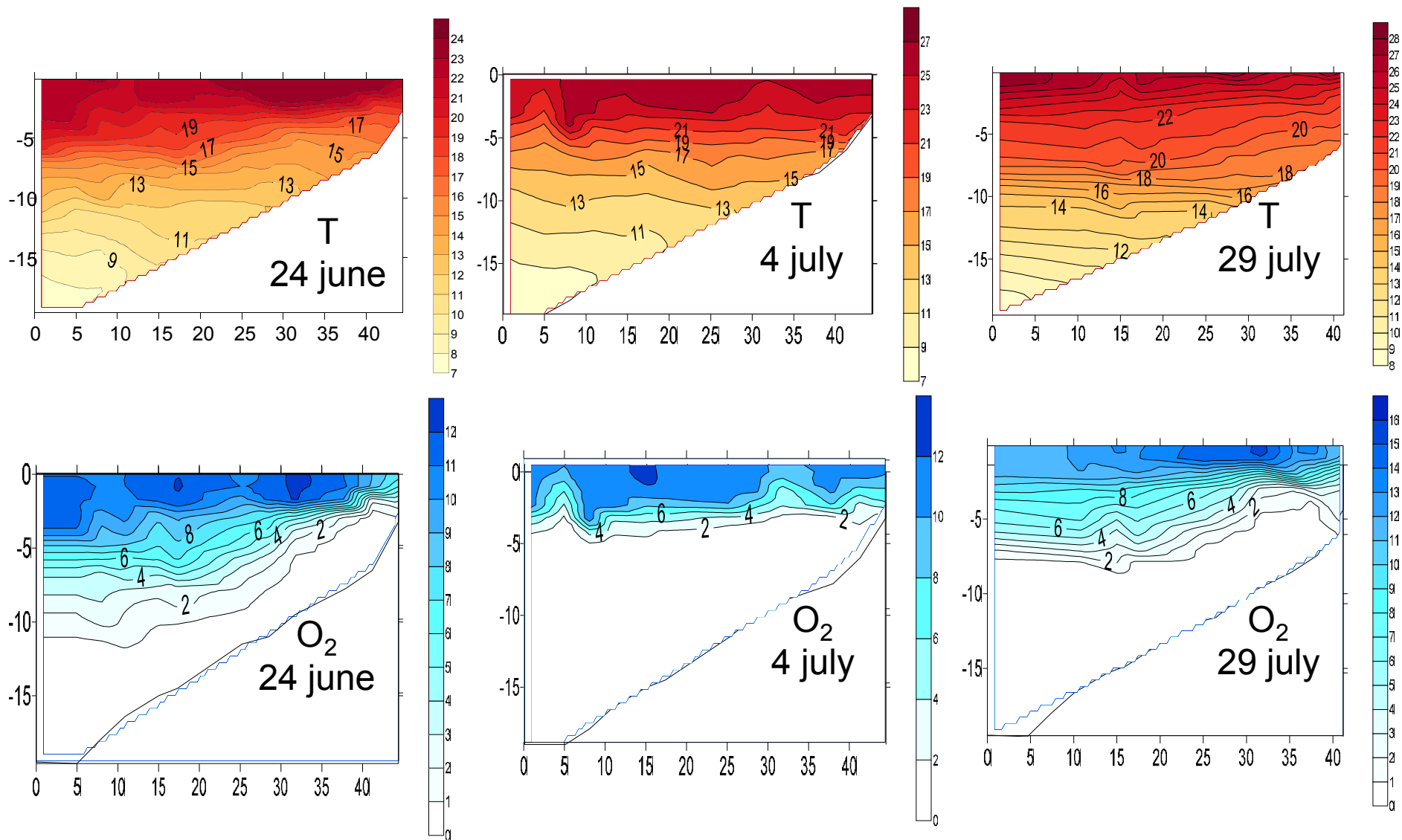


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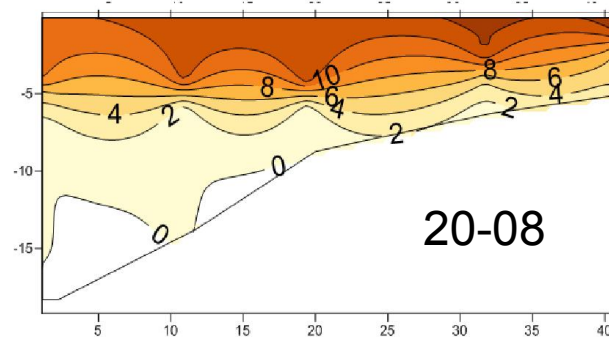
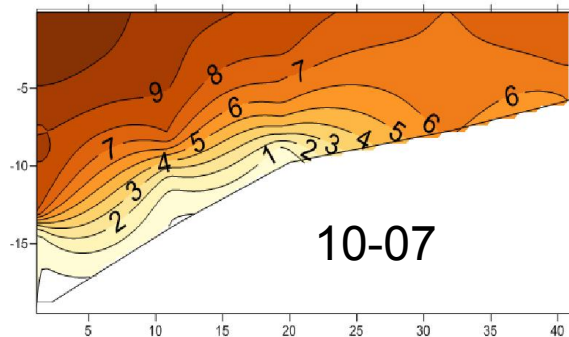
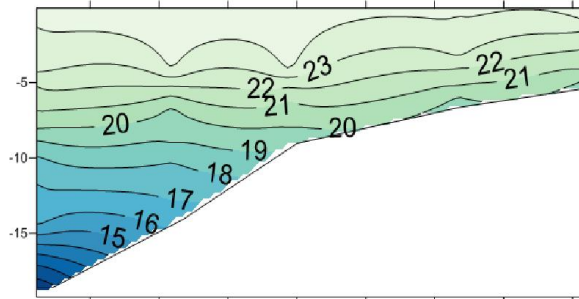
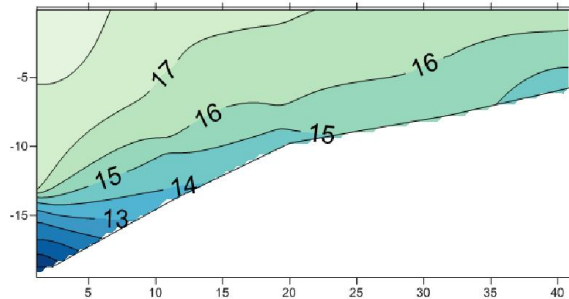
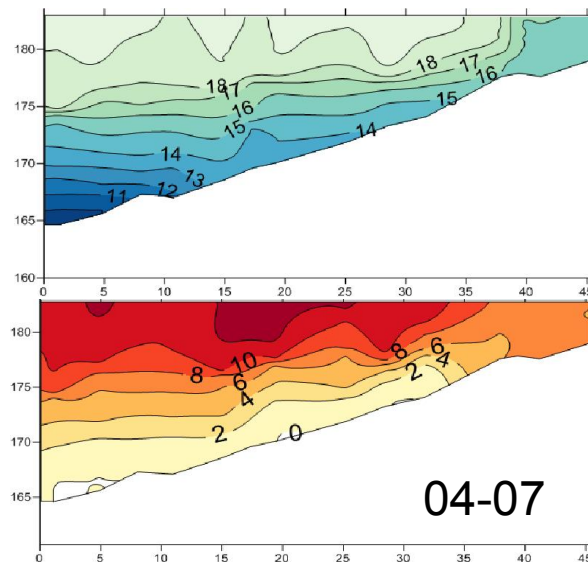
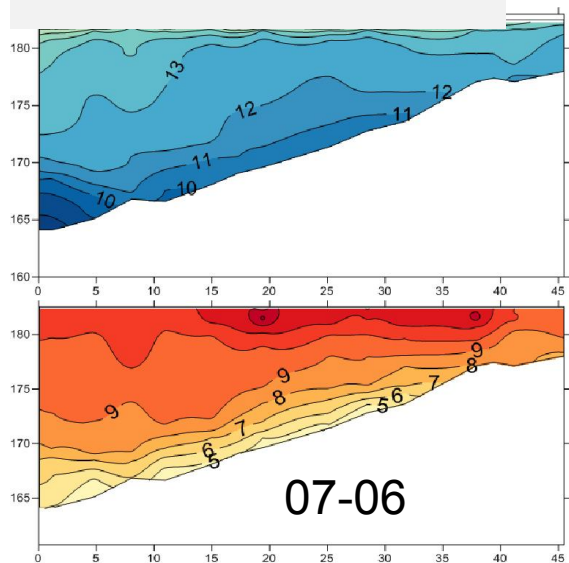


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06 August

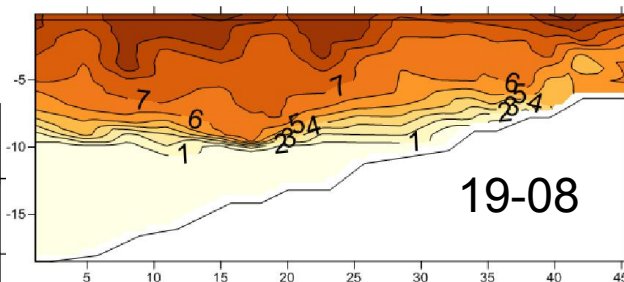
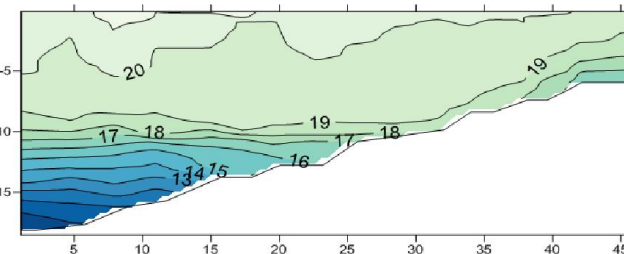
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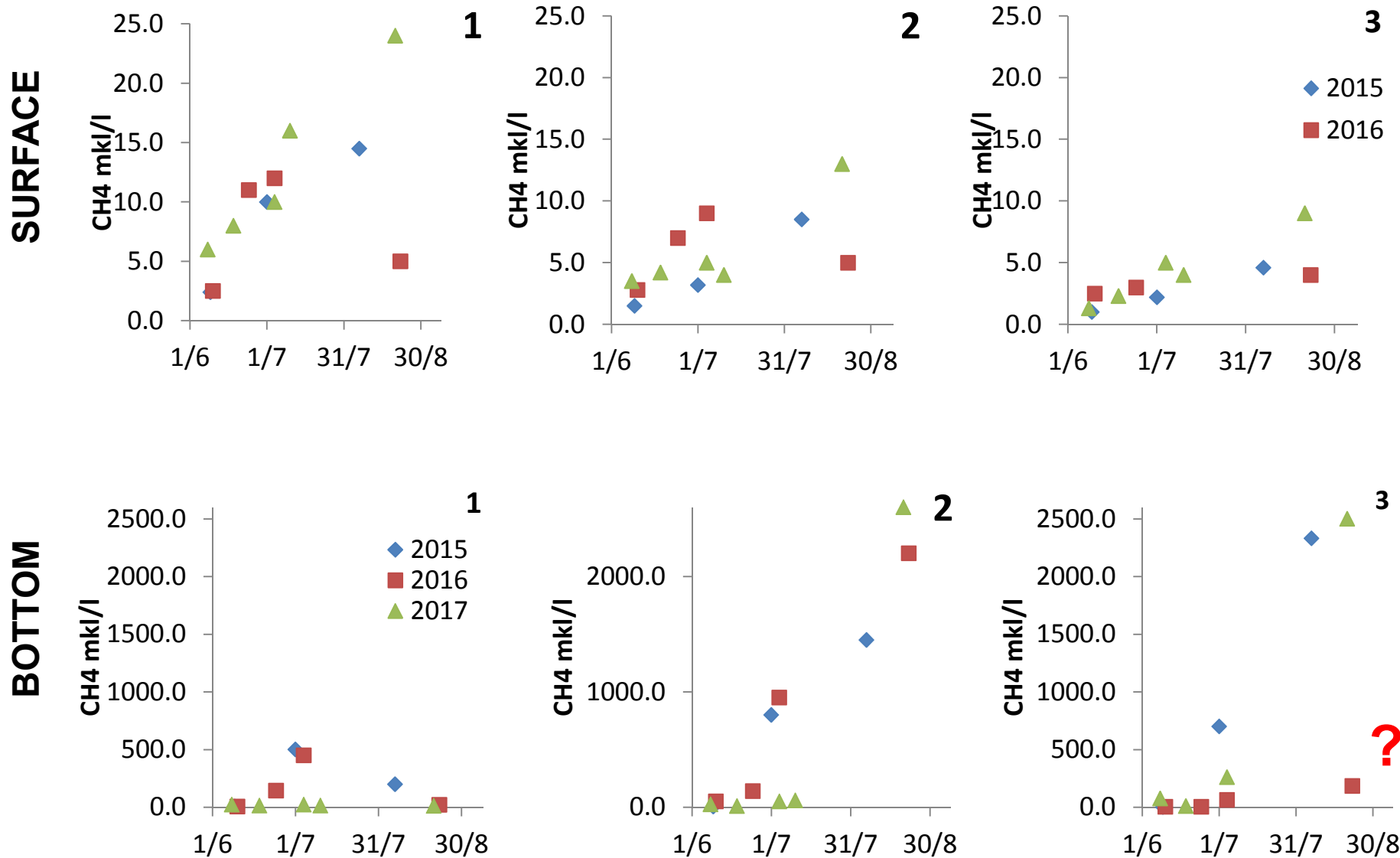


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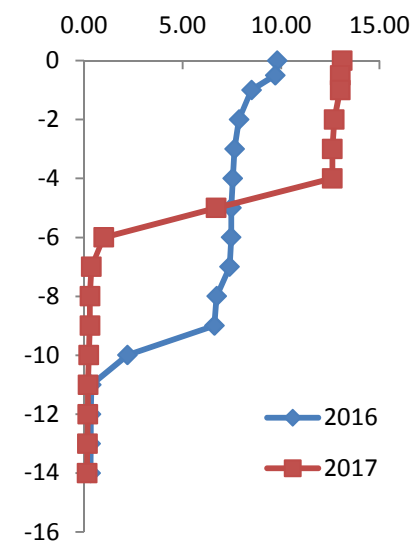
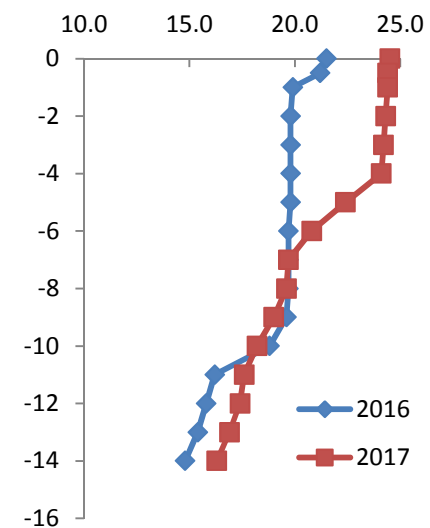
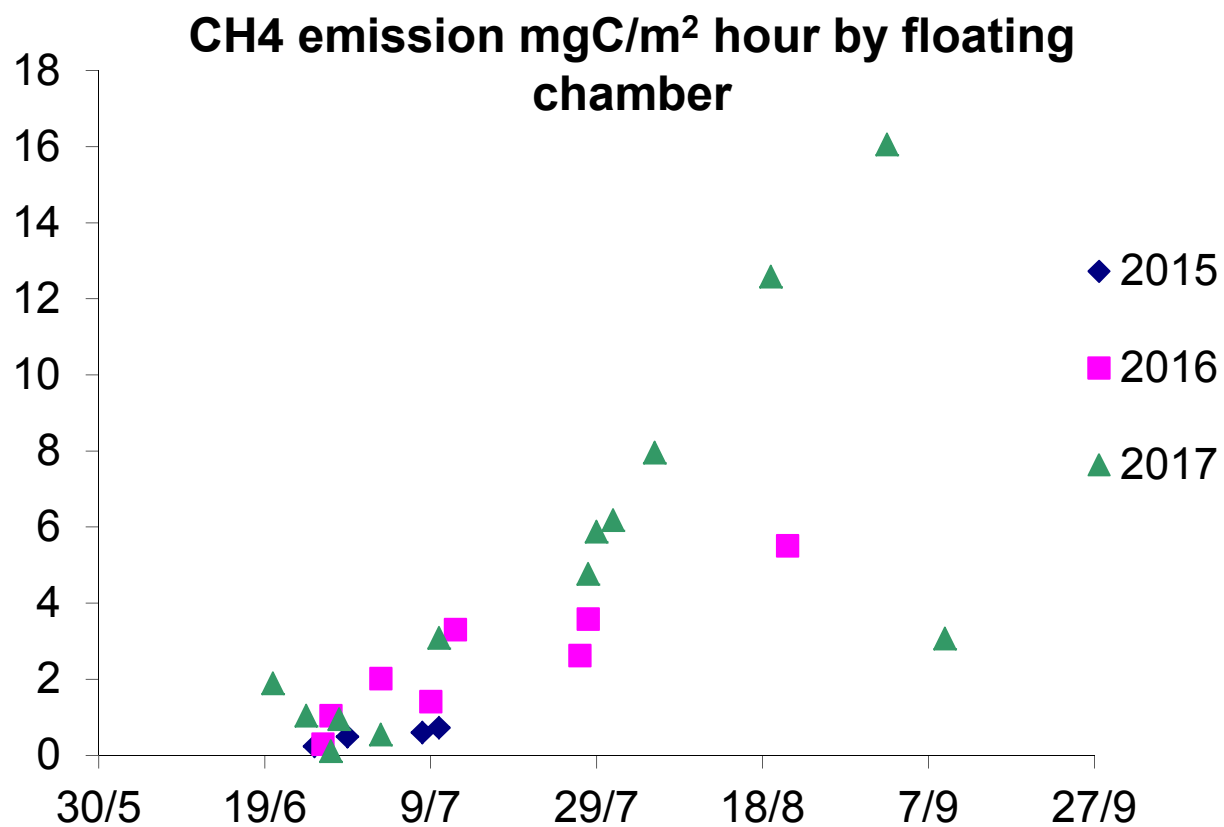
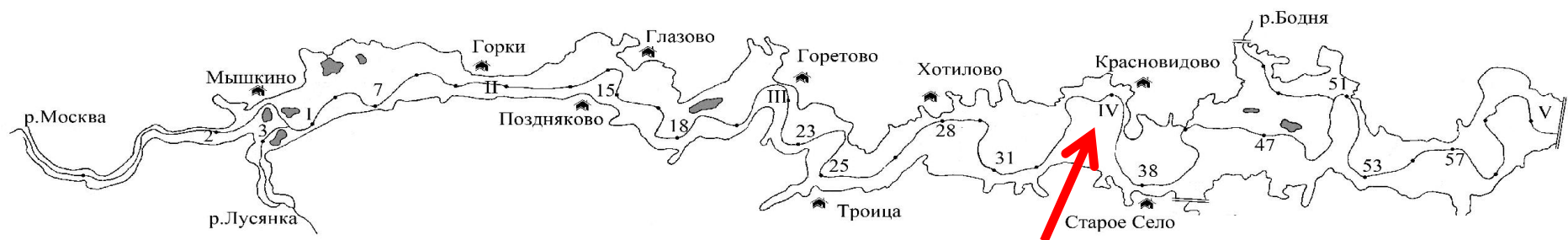


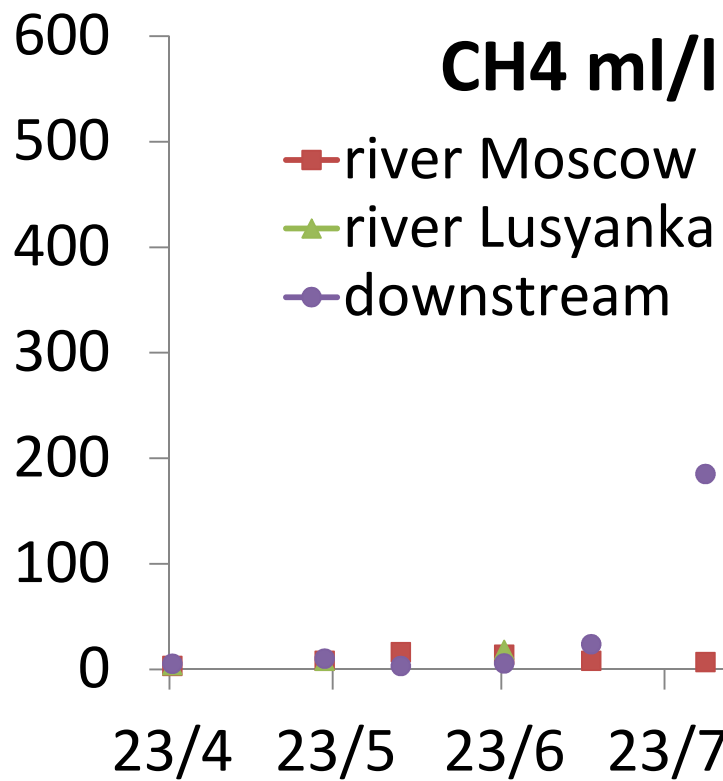
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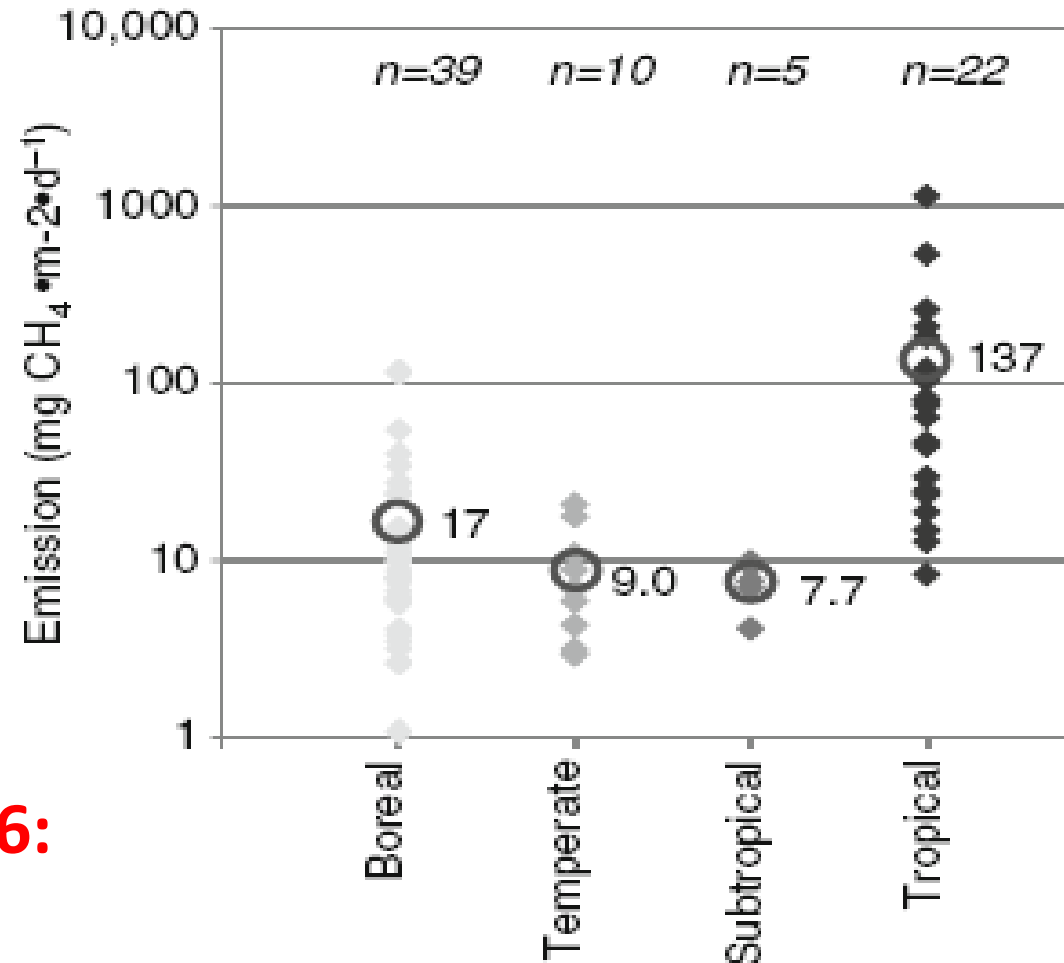






**Greenhouse Gas  
Emissions from  
Reservoirs  
Olli Varis et al 2012**

**96 mg CH<sub>4</sub>/ m<sup>2</sup> day**



**01.05 – 30.09 2016:**

**Surface emission 98,89%**

**Dumping 1,1%**

**Inflow 0,01%**

## Ozerna reservoir

## Object and sampling results for 27-07-2015

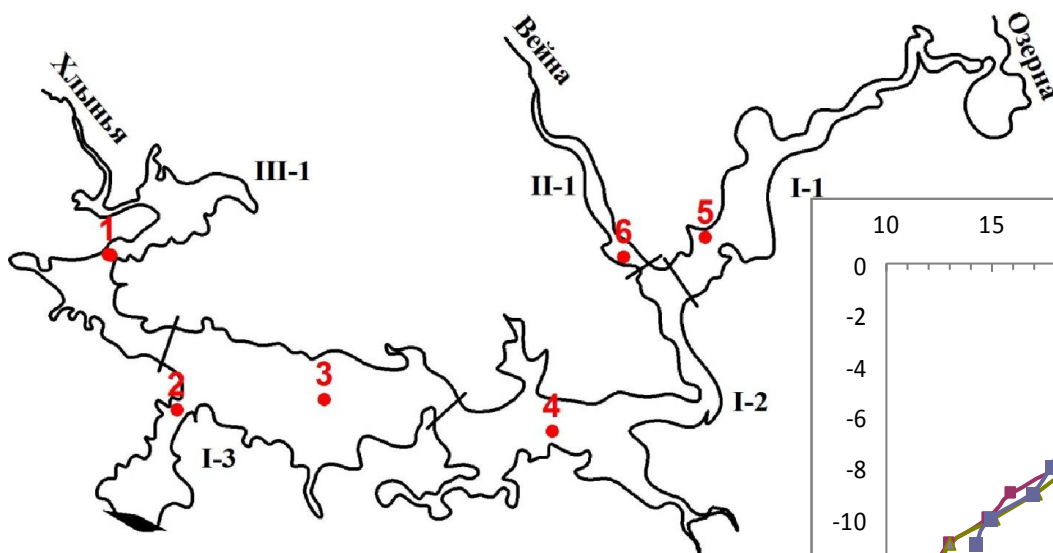
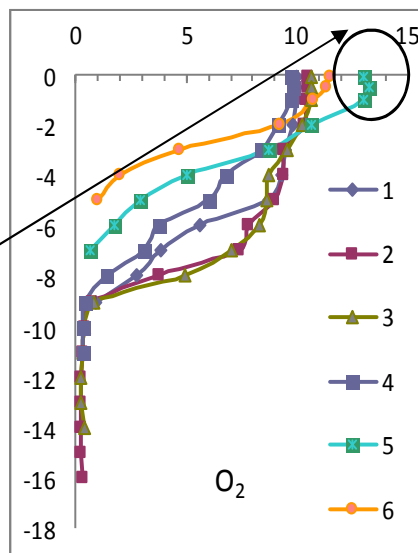
Complicated morphology

On st. 1, 5, 6 (9, 7, 5 m accordingly),  $\text{CH}_4$  near bottom is low, reasons:

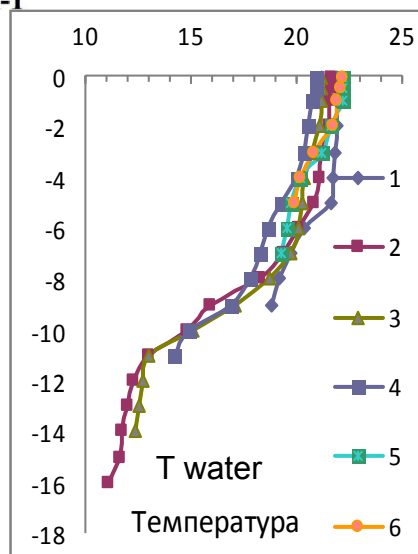
- Bottom sediments of river mouth gulfs – olive and yellow-brown sandy silt;
- mixing conditions

$\text{CH}_4$  on st. 5 near surface is twice less than on st.6 due to blooming algae producing  $\text{O}_2$

The quantity of  $\text{CH}_4$  is between results of sampling in Mojaisk reservoir (01.07 and 06.08).



Similar conditions and processes are the reason for common parameterization of one-type water objects.



Area (station)	H, m	[CH <sub>4</sub> ], ppm	[CH <sub>4</sub> ], mkl/l
	above the riverbed		
I-1 (5)	0	44,7	<b>5,06</b>
I-1 (5)	7	143,9	<b>17,36</b>
I-2 (4)	air	2,48	
I-2 (4)	0	34,6	<b>3,81</b>
I-2 (4)	11	13905	<b>1723,74</b>
I-3 (3)	air	2,4	
I-3 (3)	0	30,6	<b>3,31</b>
I-3 (3)	14,5	10272	<b>1273,25</b>
I-3 (2)	air	2,48	
I-3 (2)	0	27,7	<b>2,95</b>
I-3 (2)	16,5	8163	<b>1011,73</b>
II-1 (6)	air	2,55	
II-1 (6)	0	104	<b>12,42</b>
II-1 (6)	5	149	<b>18,00</b>
III-1 (1)	air	2,6	
III-1 (1)	0	61	<b>7,08</b>
III-1 (1)	9	95	<b>11,30</b>

## Primary synthesis

Long anoxic conditions in the reservoir with slow water exchange contribute to the CH<sub>4</sub> concentration growth in bottom layer in two orders of magnitude:

- **June** – 2-8 µl/l
- **July** – 90-950 µl/l
- **August**– 200-2300 µl/l

Seasonal changes of CH<sub>4</sub> in surface layer are connected with reduction of water column stratification stability due to heating of hypolimnion:

1-2,5 µl/l June

2,5-10 µl/l July

4,5-15 µl/l August.

Max CH<sub>4</sub> concentration in the surface layer are typical for shallow upstream

Reasons: rivers inflow (underground waters),  
active exchange with bottom layer.



The obtained values exceed CH<sub>4</sub> data in water of reservoirs with quick water exchange (Volga cascade), reported by Dzuban, Fedorov et al.

## Conclusions

- Water exchange is an important factor determining thermal, density, primary production and gas regime.
- The morphometry (wind acceleration) makes a significant influence on gas exchange terms between bottom and surface.
- Sampling showed a significant growth of CH<sub>4</sub> in the surface layer during summer period, especially for shallow upstream
- The longitudinal change of the diffusive flux is 10 times more than crosswise
- Mathematical model is the only way to get correct estimations of methane flux from such complicated water objects as valley reservoirs in conditions of not sufficient information

